sions proposed" appearing in the Economic Times dated the October 20, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these commissions are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). As per the consensus reached at the Power Ministers' Conference held in September, 1990, there is a proposal to set up five Regional Power Tariff Boards, to work out the charges to be recovered by each utility from consumers within its territory, based on the cost of supply of power at the LT point and make recommendations to the State Govts., who will decide the cost of power to be levied from each group of consumers. It is expected that these Boards will start functioning from early 1992-93.

Arms to Uttar Pradesh to Tackle Terrorism

4023. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI MANABENDRA SHAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has asked for sophisticated weapons from the Union Government to takcle growing menance of terrorism in the State;

(b) if so, the broad details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have supplied sophisticated weapons to the State Government as per their requirement; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Government of Uttar Pradesh have asked for some sophisticated weapons to tackle terrorism in the State.

(c) and (d). Some sophisticated weapons have been allocated to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh Keeping in view the availability of sophisticated weapons, requirements of the other State Governments and the Central Police/Para-military forces.

Proposal to Set up High Power Transmission Station at Rourkela

4024. KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to instal a high power T.V. Transmitter Station at Rourkela and Low Power Transmitters at Hemgir and Bonai in the Sundargarh District of the Orissa State; and

(b) if so, the time by which these T.V. Transmitter Stations are likely to be made functional?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). No, Sir. No such proposals are under the consideration of Government at present.

Spread of Literacy through Doordarshan

4025. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether spread of literacy is one of the important priorities of the Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the average time made available for that purpose;

(c) whether through a programme named "Chauraha" an effort is being made by the National Literacy Mission to teach reading and writing to the illiterates by delivering five lessons on the Doordarshan every week; and

(d) if so, the details of the other programmes being telecast for this purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (c). Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d). Although no specific time has been allotted for the telecast of literacy programmes, a large number of programmes on this theme in different formats are being telecast regularly by Doordarshan Kendras.

Policing of Indo-Bhutan Border

4026. SHRI MUKUL BALAKRISHNA WASNIK:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have made an assessment of the number of Bhutanese refugees in Jalpaiguri, Darjeeling and other districts on the Indo-Bhutan border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the arrangements made for the refugees; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to strengthen the policing of the Indo-Bhutan border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). About 3000 Bhutanese are reportedly staying in Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling districts of West Bengal on the Indo-Bhutan border. They are staying mainly with their friends and sympathisers.

(d) Indo-Bhutan border is open and special measures like border policing as are taken in other borders, have not been taken.

Bilateral Aid for New Power Projects

4027. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are seeking bilateral aid for new power projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the utilization of the bilateral aid already made available to the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) NTPC's Faridabad Gas Based Power Project has been posed to German Government for financing.

(c) Out of a total bilateral assistance of Rs. 19,357.00 Crores, tied up for power projects in the public sector, Rs. 6,164.89 Crores has been utilised by 31.10.1991.